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Sailing Through Winter

Hard work, hands on learning and team building projects kept Anchor Academy students afloat during the winter months. Students spent the winter learning about shop safety, personal protective equipment, and winterizing the sailboats. Students have taken pride in building their own motorized model Bevin skiff boat, which improves their geometry skills and practice with fractions. This is an example of how Anchor Academy connects vocational opportunities with classroom based learning.

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Education at the Aquarium

The students from Anchor Academy spent an experiential hands on learning day at the New England Aquarium. Petting the stingray, playing with the seals, and learning about different kinds of fish 'anchored' smiles and excitement into the marine biology curriculum. Anchor Academy provides community based learning as a way for students to experience real-world applications of classroom instruction.



VOCATIONAL SPOTLIGHTS:

Anchor Academy continued to evolve their community relationships by partnering with Shear Genius, a local beauty salon, and The Hannah B.G. Shaw Home, a senior living community. One student is exploring her interest and skill set in cosmetology by shadowing the business owner and hairdressers, and helping with the daily salon tasks. The student is increasing her self-confidence as she advances her skill set with continued exposure and opportunities. Another Anchor Academy student is brightening the day of seniors at the local community residence. This student is facilitating book reading circles, helping with meal preparation, hygiene routine, and recreational activities. This student is eligible to obtain a paid position at the end of the school year. This exemplifies how Anchor Academy's vocational program helps to transition students from internships to post-graduation employment.



Restoring the Past

Anchor Academy students are working with the staff at Battleship Cove to restore a historic carousel. Students are practicing their interpersonal skills and teamwork through polishing, sanding, and cleaning the brass. This year-round internship allows Anchor Academy students stay connected to the Fall River community even during the colder season.



Note from Educational Director

Second term focused on diverse and engaging curriculums that gave students the opportunity to connect classroom material with real world applications.



Educational Director, Paul Bottome, had teachers incorporate lessons that focused on Indigenous People: contributions to America, important inventions and discoveries, and literature that highlighted their accomplishments. Life on and in the oceans was another concept integrated into the students learning. Students studied the

whaling industry, the tectonic activity that has shaped the oceans and continents and the economic impact of oceans and ports on worldwide trade. The term closed with students learning about the historic and prehistoric past of New England. The Harvard Museum of Natural History and the New England Aquarium were educational field trips that capitalized on the classroom content material. Anchor Academy students are looking forward to exploring and discovering new content through fun and engaging learning in third term.

Healthy Students, Healthy Brains



Wellness and fun are incorporated into the daily routine at Anchor Academy. The students ice skated at an outdoor rink in Providence, RI. For some of our students, it was their first opportunity on the ice, while others skated by in their glory. Providing

opportunities for students to strengthen their skills and learn new ones is what Anchor Academy is all about!



Anchor Academy Welcomes A New Teacher



Ethan Pequita joined Anchor Academy in November 2017. Mr. Pequita is a licensed History Teacher and has been an educator in both residential and public schools for the last five years. Mr. Pequita prides himself on building healthy relationships with not only his students but his colleagues. Mr. Pequita understands the true value in providing hands-on learning opportunities as evidenced by his creativity with off campus educational field trips and in class projects. Anchor Academy is lucky to

have Mr. Pequita as part of the team!

Nurse's Corner



At Anchor Academy, the students health is prioritized so that they can get the most out of their academic activities. A major focus with the School Nurse, Annie Saucier, was promoting and teaching healthy habits such as washing hands, covering areas that spread germs and resting and drinking water. The students did an excellent job doing their part in keeping the Anchor Academy community as healthy as possible. Anchor Academy partnered with the Salvation Army where students had the opportunity to teach others the skills they have learned and practiced.



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Anchor Academy Mission Statement

Anchor Academy exists to provide challenging academics in a safe and supportive therapeutic rich environment. Through a strength-based approach, we offer a transformational learning experience that fosters resiliency and prepares students to become skilled, informed and responsible citizens. We design our program around anchoring our students with the supports they require to successfully achieve their academic, social and emotional goals.